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TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE FILM FOR : Examiner Andrew Piziali
USE IN TRANSPARENT TOUCH PANEL,
TRANSPARENT TOUCH PANEL USING
THE TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE FILM,
AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING
TRANSPARENT CONDUCTIVE FILM

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 10, 2003, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the present invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

The allowance of claims 46, 48 and 50 is noted.

Present Invention

According to the present invention, a surface shape (roughness) suitable for light touch panel input can be obtained. The light touch input is determined by the contact area between the upper electrode and the lower electrode. The transparent conductive film can be formed with metallic oxide.

That is, as described on page 19, line 23 to page 20, line 19 of the specification,

“[t]he transparent conductive film 1 is so formed that the arithmetic mean roughness (Ra) of